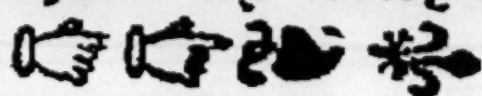




Here foloweth the
 orde of Trayne of war
 re, that a Prynce, or a
 heed Capytayne, ought
 to take, that wyl Con-
 quere, or alledge a place, or kepe or defen-
 de a place, to where he dooteth to be assay-
 led in his owne countree, or to marche
 or trauers the countree of his enemyes
 or to make gwerre gwerreable.





Kyste and before all ma-
ner of thynges, he ought
to aduyle hym well, yf þ
he haue a good and iuste
quarel, & to put god & his
ryght for hym. And after that he muste
loke vpon his case, and se yf he haue mē
and money ynough, to persourne and
maynteyne his purpose with all. And al
so to debate with the moſte wyſest and
moſte experte men of warre of his coun-
ceyll, and to knowe to what ende his en-
terpryse shall or maye come to at the
lenghte. 

Alſo he muſte ſe, by what maner he
may haue bytaples, for that thyng þ he
muſt occupye. And to knowe yf that he
haue attyllary that vnto hym is neces-
ſary in that behalfe, and fornyture of &
for the ſame. And alſo to ſe what good
heed of warre or captaynes wel expert
that he hathe to helpe hym to execute &
to bynge his enterpryse to an ende.


Alſo he muſt aduyle hym, that when

be

he goeth vpon his Conquest, that he do
leue his countree in good suertie, or els
not to go at all, for these causes, lest any
of his neyghbours wolde inuade his
Realme, or that any of his subgiettes
wolde make any sedycyon or rebellyon
agaynst hym. And therefore let hym leue
one of the most surest and noble man of
his Realme to kepe his countree vnto
his recourne, & that he do leue his moste
surest holdes in the keepyng of some men
of honoure, that be vnto hym moste su-
rest and true. 

¶ Also that he fall to syt in counceyll of
tentymes with his moste wysest & most
expert men of warre, and they to aduy-
se hym of that he hath to do, & that he
be gouerned and aduyled by theyr coun-
ceylles. 


¶ And that at the entre of the countree
of his enemyes, he do assemble all his ar-
mye, and take his mustres, & do knowe
what companye he hath. And do chace
away all those people þe serue of nought

And that he do lede with hym the leest
of baggage that he maye, for a great
trayne of baggage spendes moche by-
tayles, and doth moche hurte and pay-
ne specially when one wyl make a great
enterpryse without any taryenge. Also
let hym se that y^e mooste parte of his bag-
gage be batayles. And also that he do
prouyde for to haue good sute of bytayl-
les out of those places that he passeth
thorough in as moche as he may possy-
ble, for without bytayles they maye do
no thyng. 

Also the sayd pryncce or heed of warre
ought to enquire and to knowe pryncy-
pallie of the heedes and Captaynes of
his company and armye to what thyng
those in theyr retynue be mooste apte
And what they can do, and what peo-
ple they be. And put theym therto, for
otherwyse he cannot be well seruyd, for
it is an yll thyng to gyue charge to a
man to do that thyng, whiche is yгно-
rant of, nor can not do it. And therefore
be

beware therof, for there folowes many
euylles therupon. For some men there
be in warres, that be good and apte to
one thyng that can not do another, for
ther be some that be good to be as heed
des of warre, and to conduct a great ar
mye / other be good to lede a hondzeth
speres, that can not lede a great Armye
other that be good to fyghte on horse
backe, other on fote, other that be good
for battayle of arrest. Also ther be other
that be good to assaile a place, & other
to defende and kepe a place / other some
be redy on horsebacke to sende to a skyr
myche. Also other there be good to lede
Currouses or these that be strygyattes /
or to know nouellys, other to ryde ney
theyr enemyes to nombze them, and to
knowe what ordze they holde, other to
approche a place, other for to repayze a
campe profytable.

¶ Also there be other that vnderstande
well the feate of warre, & can gyue good
counceyle that execute it not, And other
that

that vnderstand not the feate of warre
nor can not gyue good counceyle, that
dothe execute boldlye, other that dothe
gyue good counceyle and execute it bold
ly, other there be that knoweth not the
feate of warre, nor can not execute it
nor gyue good counceyle, nor defende nor
assayle. 

Other there be good for the Artylla-
ry, other to make bygges or passages
ouer ryuers or waters, other to scale pla-
ces, other to puyde for bytaylles, other
to be as vnknewen in the host of theyr
enemyes to here and se nouellys, other
to be of counceyle with theyr prynce, or
heed of warre, and to be sent of Amba-
sade, for to speke or treat wth theyr ene-
myes, other be good to make gwerre
gwerreable, and other for to mynyster
Iustyce, other that be wyse balyaunt &
true to haue in kepyng those thynges
whiche be most deare and daungerous
to be kepte, with many other thynges,
that be necessary to y^e warre to be kepte
by




by ordres as for scalynge, dykynge, sta-
kyng, cuttyng, drawynge for horses,
and others.




¶ Also he muste orde his auauntgarde
as wel with men of horsbacke as with
men of foote, and must put therein of the
beste Captaynes that he hath. And fur-
ther must ordeyne the batayle, wherein
the sayd prynce ought to be.

¶ Also to ordeyne his Arrewarde as
well with foote men, as with horsmen.
And after that to ordeyne and to knowe
where they shall lye after theyr departu-
re from thence, And to knowe what cou-
tree it is, whether it be playne / or in fyl-
des or mountaynes. And after as it is
so to ordeyne the maner to ryde and go
so that the horsmen, and the footemen
may succoure the one the other / yf they
haue besynes, or be sodenly taken.

¶ Item that they do make theyr bag-
gage to go in that faschon, that yf it hap-
pen theym to haue besynesse, that it be
not bytwene the men of horsbacke and

of foote, for that were as the halfe losse
of the batayle, but make it to go a parte / and put therto gunners, and other
men of warre to kepe it in safty.

¶ Item to ordeyne theyr Artyllarye to
go in the mosse suretye, that may be for
the losse therof, is the halfe losse of a ba
tayle,   

¶ Also ye muste sende dyuerse in vnknown
wen habyte or appareyll in to the coun
tree or doost of his ennemyes, by dyuers
wayes, to knowe yf they lacke vytayll,
and what they wyll do. And to assaye yf
they can by any money, or promyse of
thyng to be wonne, wyn or gette any
great man, that knowes the secretes of
his ennemyes, & so to aduerte his prynt
re therof.   

¶ Also to sende dayly men of lyght hor
ses aboute his ennemyes where they be
to take some of the countree, & to knowe
of theyr nouellys. And so to se that his
ennemyes come not sodaynly bpon hym,
but rather he to take theym sodaynly yf
he

he may, and therfore to haue many trusty espyes and gydes.

¶ Item yf he haue knowledge that his ennemyes doo appoche to hym, for to fyght with hym, that then he do auance hym selfe towards them, yf he haue tyme. And so to take the most auantages place that he maye fynde for his company, and the most dysauantages for his ennemyes. And yf he haue no tyme thus, nor se to do, then let hym take the beste place for hym selfe that he may, and do put his men in orde before the cōpyng of his ennemyes.

¶ Item yf he do knowe that bytweene hym and his ennemyes, there be any yll passage, so that his ennemyes may not passe ouer in batelyd, that then he do inbatell hym selfe within one or two bow draughtes of that place, so that when there be ouer as manye as he semyth good, that then he do set vpon them.

¶ Item y sayd pryncce or heed of warre oughte to knowe the maner howe his
b.ii. enemies

enemyes executes theyr warre, & what
ordre they holde, and to what they be
most apte other on horsebacke or on fote
and to prouyde for the contrarye, for it
is not good, to make warre to al maner
of men after one fassyon, but after the
trayne they holde, and to his owne ad-
uantage, and to the dysauantage of
his enemyes.

¶ Item that he take good hede that he
passe not ouer any euyll passage, yf he be
not cōstrayned so to do, but that he and
his company maye be ouer the passage,
and his men set in ordre, before that his
enemyes may come to assaile hym.

¶ Item he beyng in ordre with his cō-
pany, and that he maye so exployte hym-
selfe to fynde his enemyes in a playne
felde, and that they haue a wood or a
stronge place, nere be hynde them, then
assaile theym, for there ye shall haue a
good market vpon them, and they shall
flye and put them self in disordre sooner
than in a playne countree.

¶ Item

Item he shall haue a good dele the more auantage to attende that his enemyes come to assaile hym, than he to assaile them, for they come mooste commonly in dysozdre.

Item yf it were possyble to fynde his enemyes in marchynge, and in dysozdre then to assaile them, for then they be as halfe dyscomfyted, when they be so suddenly taken.

Item when his enemyes be in theyr lodges, and be dysseueryd one from another, & that they be vnfortyfyed within theyr lodges, and that he may approche them or they be aduertyd of hym, he shall haue a good market of them.

Item when he shall approche his enemyes, se that his auantgarde to the batayle, and his arregarde be so nere y^e one to the other, that they may succour the one the other yf they haue nede.

Item that the foote men be a parte from the horsmen, and that they be not betwixt the batayle of horsmen, for in


furtheringe of the one the other, or in aſſaylinge of theyr enemyes, yf they fynde footmen in theyr way, thā they ſhall breke theyr ordre, and ſo haue dyſcomfyte them theyr ſelues, as it hath ben many tymes ſene.

¶ Item yf i every batayle he haue ſome gūnes, and good gūners with them, & behynde his batayle, for to kepe them from the hurte of lyght horſmen, as Janetoures or ſtradyaces, and ſo to kepe them with ſhotte that they may not approche to nere.

¶ Item yf it be poſſyble to haue the aduantage of the ſonne and wynde with them. And that yf there be duſte or ſmoke that it be in the face of theyr enemyes, for that ſhall be good for his company, and yll for his enemyes.

¶ Item yf the ſayde Prynce, or heed of warre be more puyſſant on horſbacke, than his enemyes, than yf it be poſſyble let hym fyghte with them in a playne. And yf he be more puyſſant on fote, then
fyght


fyght with them in a stronge place where
as it is yll for horsmen.

¶ Item when he shall approche his enemyes, se that he make his Artyllarye, & also after that all his Archers and men of shotte to entre betwixt hym and his enemyes. 

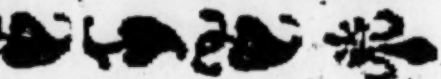
¶ Item yf he be constrained to fyghte with his enemyes for defaute of bytayles, or for that his enemyes shuld be ayded and made stronger with more men, or with any other thynge, that he maye not passe none other wayes, but where his enemyes be in theyr campe, in ordie that the he do fynd all maner of wayes he can, to make theym to yssue oute of theyr holde. And do sende a fewe to rōne and skymyshe with theym to brynge them in dysordie, or bete them with Artyllarye as they come forth, for so vse men of warre to do, and as it hath ben sene done & happened wel many tymes.

¶ Item whē he cōmes to fyght se that the batayle be ever i good suertye with
out

out puttyng out of ordre, for any thyng
ge that they do se, other for chalynge or
sleyng of his owne, or of his enemyes/
for that shall be the moſte comforte and
refuge of all his besynes.

¶ Item that the auauntgarde, and the
arregarde ſet vpon theyr enemyes, and
do execute. And yf the batayle do ſtande
euermore in good ſuertie, and in his or-
dre for to ſuccoure, and to ſe to all thyng
and to put his ynemyes in fere, that he
wyl ſet vpon them, and that the batay-
les the auauntgarde and reregarde ha-
ue a good watche, the one of the other/
that they may ſuccoure yf one the other,
and refreſhe withoute puttyng them
ſelfe out of ordre, except they be cōſtray-
ned ſo to do. 

¶ Item that he haue many cordes to ma-
ke paſſage ouer ryuers, and other thyng-
es neceſſarye. And whan the prynce or
hied of warre is redy to fyghte that he
reſolute or aueugh all his batayle, and
do ſe what ordre they holde. And yf they
holde

holde not good ordre, then to amende it
for this is the moſte pryncypall poynte
of all. 

Item that the ſayd pryncce be affable
and ſpeke ſolycyte and exorte corage-
ouſly all his people of al the bataylles af-
well of the auaūtgarde of his owne ba-
taye, as of the arregarde, ſhewynge &
ſayynge, that and yf they wyll ſerue hym
well this daye, he ſhall haue theyr ſeruy-
ce in a perpetuall memoꝛye, & all them y
ſeruyng hym well. And moue and deſyre
them that they wyll that daye kepe his
honoure, and the honoure of the realme
that they be of, affyrmyng & ſhewyng
vnto them that theyr ſoueraygne lord
and kyng is defender of our fayth. And
that for the defence and mayntenaunce
therof, he wyll auaunce hym ſelfe in his
obene perſone, and expende his lyfe and
goodes with treaſoure. And ſo that he
wyll this day lyue and dye with them.


Item that he dyſplaye not ouer mo-
che his enemyes, nor ouer moche prayſe
them

them, nor shew not that he wyl far inua
de them, nor allege them, but tell them/
yf they wyl holde the ordre that is gy
uen vnto theym by theyr captaynes / as
good men shulde do / and be vertuous &
balaunt, that by the helpe of god, they
shall overcome discomfyte and dystresse
theyr enemyes. And here make a great
brute to rōne thorough the host, that
there comes a great succoure and ayde
vnto them, from theyr soueraygne, whi
che wyl do moche good. And le þ theyr
enemyes haue the same nouellys bruted
and openyd amonge them.


¶ Item let the Armys to knowe what
it is to lyue vycyously, to cōmyt thefte/
robery, or pylage / and to beware of ry
eng, or of makynge any sedycion or trou
ble in the host. And to make this to be
proclaymed thorough the Armys / and þ
ponyschemēt therof, by þ Marshall of þ
warres. And for what faut he shall ha
ue publike ponyshement heedynge, han
gyng, & lollie of membre. And that eue
ry

ry man do holde and kepe the ordre that
his Captayne doth gyue vnto hym by
payne of death.

¶ Item le that your baggage be put a
parte, so that it be not bytween your men
of Armys, & gyue them a certayne foot
men to kepe them. And take good hede
that they be not sodainly take, & le good
Iustyce kepte vpon all thynges as well
vpon the pyles of vytayles, as to and
of the vyteyllers, & to penythe all those
that make debate in this behalfe.

¶ Item when there is treaty, for peace
or trewse / that ye take good hede, & laye
or sende forth your espyall / for i trewes
takynge many tymes men haue ben de
ceyued. 

¶ Item he go not, nor marche not w
in a countree, but yf he be constrayned
therunto / except he se well that he may
retourne with honour, or tarpe in sure
tye, or haue succoures, for it is no may
stry to go a great waye in to a countree
but to tarpe in suretye, or to retourne w

hour, is great pleasur & cōforte to bzure
of valyaūcy. And se also that yf any mā
come to aduertysse the pynce of any no
uellys, that he be harde of as soon as he
maye, or els at the leest make hym to be
harde, and do not dyspraye that, that
he sayth / but here it secretly and wysely
and that, that is good take it, and let y
other passe, for there cōmes many ylls
of dyspraysynge of thynges / for a man
shulde here every thyng paciently and
ponder why those nouellys come or be
sente. 

Item that he do holde the composyt
ons & promyses taken with his aduersa
ries even so as they be made, and accor
dyd iustlye / for other wayes all wyll be
nought at the lenght, for els he shall dy
stayne his coote, and no man wyl truste
hym in the ende.

Item remembre as before is sayd, to
wynne the greattest men of the countre
yf he can, and those that maye the beste
helpe hym, yf it be possyble, by great gyt
tes


tes or fayre promyses, and kepe trueth
and good Justyce with and amonges
them accordyngly.

¶ Item that the sayd prynce entertay-
ne the molle parte of his neyghbours
that he may for to helpe hym in his be-
synes, or to be in leyg with hym. And yf
he be not therunto constrayned, that he
do not make warre but w one at ones,
for with many aduersaries is moch be-
syng. And yf he can cōpasse this to bryn-
ge his besynes to passe, lette hym make
one of theym to warre vpon another.

And by this meanes, he shall bryng his
besynes to a good ende, and optayne o-
ther to be his frendes, wherby he shall
haue succoure bothe of bytyle, and of
men/ thus muste men of warre do, and
not make debate with al at ones, for he
that molle debat, leest wynges.


¶ Item y sayd prynce, muste haue vpon
the daye apoynted for batayle, certayne
of his beste and wysest men of warre a-
bout his owne persone, for to counseyt

kepe and conduct hym.

¶ Item remēbre, and take good hede to forsee well, that no man come to execute bytweene the batayles, for thysle & may other thynges be requylyte to the orde of batayle, that were to longe to wyte. 

¶ Item yf it happen that a Prince in wyllynge to Conquere a countree, or to defende his countree, haue any mysfortune, or be dystressed, or loose a batayle or two, that after that he resemble his power and his men to the best he maye & take payne to kepe those places that are beste, and that he refreshe his people and resorte hym with frellhe men & money. And let them y be escaped from the batayle haue rell vnto they be refreshed, and so to entertayne his enemyes, yf he may by Ambassade & tretes vnto he haue furnysched well his places agaynst the cōmyng of his enemyes, & to tary them vnto he haue his case redy

¶ Item after that his mē haue taken
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corage, and be refrelshyd, and that he
haue puyssaunce to fyght with his ene-
myes, he may then, and he wyl go and
fyght with them yf he dare, take the ad-
uenture or hatarde of the bataile, or els
let hym kepe hym selfe in a stronge grou-
de, and take hede that he breke not his
armye in no wyse. And that the prynce
be not beleaged within no place, but yf
he make gwarre gwarreant in yf hoost
ferrage for vytayles and other thynges
necessarpe. 

Item that the sayd prynce take good
hede that after the losse of a batayle, yf
he gyue not incontynent an other, yf he
be not therunto sore constrayned/for yf.
xx. that he gyues on yf fallow, he shall
loose. xliij. for men escaped from a ba-
tayle are not all tournd into theyr cora-
ge of a great whyle after. And also they
be foyled and hurte, and theyr corage is
not towarde theyr enemyes, and but
w great payne there comes lytell good
therof/for some thynk to reuege theyr
shame

thame, that gette more by suche meanes/therfore it is not well done to take that on hande, that wyll not be done by reason, for it is not valyauncy, but oppynatye obstynacyon and folye. And therfore it is beste to do that thyng & maye be done by reason, and leue the other/ & vndertake nothyng, but that that may be done with corage, for els thou shalbe beaten with thyne owne rodde yf thou be not therunto constrayned by force as it is besoyde. And then Defende and take the aduētūre of the batayle to the moſte aduauntage ye can or may.

¶ Item yf a prynce happen to wyne a batayle or stronge holde of his enemyes, than let hym folowe his fortune, and suffre not his ennemyes to take theyr byeth, nor to refreshe them. And so he shall doo more in one daye, than he dyd in ten dayes before.

¶ Moreover yf the prynce conquere a countree or any place, that he doo gyue that, vnto a great wyse man to kepe/ &

suche


suche places vnto wyse men, that do lo-
ue theyr owne honours, and that haue
landes and goodes in his owne countre
for they wyll neuer be false. And he that
dothe otherwyse, therby maye come
many ylls. And to those that be not su-
che men, and yet haue deseruyd, he must
gyue other thynges but not that.

There foloweth the Trayne
that one shuld holde, that
wyll assege a place.



The prynce that wyll assege
a place, muste fyrste se yf he haue
D.I. men

men ynough, to laye two or thre seages
before the place, yf he haue nede, and for
to fyght with any that comes to assaye
le hym, & loke yf he haue money ynough
to furnyshe his men of Armys, & that
that he shall ferther nede for his seage
the tyme of his beyng there, and that
he do paye truely. And also se that he ha
ue Artyllary & to hym is necessarie w
furnytur to the same durynge his seage
with all other thyngs requysyte to sca
le & passe the dyches. And howe he shall
be furnysched of vytayles at the sayd sea
ge. And se that his enemyes maye not
bryke his seage nor trouble his seage for
that is one of the mooste pyncypallest
poyntes of this besynes.

¶ Item that he haue experte men that
do knowe beste where the place is most
auauntages or dylaauantages to ma
ke the battre. 

¶ Item before that he do lay his seage
that he do sende two or. iij. men of war
re with those that knowe the place, & to
go

go and to appzoche the place as nere as they may, and for to se the sytuacion of the place. And where they may be beste lodged. And wher they may make theyr battre. And se that they haue gūners with theym. ¶

¶ Item that he doo gyue the auantwarde there vnto them that haue ben there to se y^e sayde place, with as great companye of men of Armys pyoners & archers as shall be thought necessarye to go to laye the seage, and to appzoche befoze the dawe, and to lodge them in suertye / for he that comes on the dawe, he shall loose many of his men. And se that he do appzoche the walle and the dyche as soone and as nere as he may. And do lay his artyllary so that he may breke / and let them of y^e place, that they maye not shote theyr artyllary to hurte them of the hoost. ¶

¶ Item that he enuolue or close by the place with suche seage, that he leue not one gate open to goo and come in at, or

els it shall be paynfull for hym to buyne
it, for they wyl dayly enbesyre them sel-
ues to refreshe them within.

¶ Item yf he laye many seages / and
that the one may not succoure the other
that then he do make them so stronge w
men, or els with other fortifycacyon/
that they maye abyde all these that co-
mes, unto the tyme they may be succou
red of theyr owne company.

¶ Item that he make to caste great dy
ches befoze the gates of the sayd place/
and in other places, where it shall be ne-
defull, that they yssue not. And take he-
de for pryue yssuyng under grounde by
posterne, or conduct otherwyle / & that
he haue euermore a great releyf to rely
se them that yssuyth.



¶ Item to send to se, yf that his enemy
es make any assemble to rayse his sea-
ge, and se theyr Trayne that they doo
holde and to take good hede that he be
not sodenly taken.

¶ Item yf he do know that his enemy

es do come to fyght with hym, and that they be very stronge, than let hym rayse his seage and attyllary / for and yf they fynde hym at the seage, he shall be half dyscōfytē for they wyl assaile hym both before and behynde.

¶ Item in case they maye put theyr attyllary in suertie, and that they have a grounde to go vnto, before theyr enemyes come for to fyghte with them / than let them go. And yf not tarpe them styll in the moste auantagvous place they may, and kepe styll theyr seage, but yf succoures of his enemyes be the greater, for he ought not for a small succoure to rayse his seage, but to put men to kepe them from ylluyng, & to se vnto theyr attyllary. And then to set vpon them wth the remnant, And take good hede, that they reuytaye not the place in no wyse.

¶ Item that when it is suffyciently beaten, that he gyue it an assaute, and after the fyyst that goth to gyue them two releyfles for to assyst theyr assaute. And p

he lette men on horsbacke and on foote
to se that his enemyes maye not come
vpon them that gyue the assaute or els
they maye be losse.  

Item yf the assaute fayle or recule, se
that he assaile them agayne y next day
and he shall trouble them moze, thā he
dyd the fyrste day. And fynde them with
in moze ferefull & moze wery, then they
were befoze, for many places haue ben
thus taken, Many other thynges he re-
quyryte vnto a seage, as the bremsylles
to scale and dyche, to longe to wyte / &
of one thyng, take hede that there be
none elpyes in your host.



Here foloweth the Trayne or
orde that a Prynce ought to
holde / when he douteth, y
he shall be assayled with
in his owne countree.





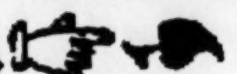
The sayd pynce oughte to knowe, be it in peace or in warre, the maners and countenaunces of his neyghbours, and what they do / and often to sende Ambassatours as well to entertayne them, as to knowe the good wylles they do beare hym.

Item yf he se, that a pynce make preparation for warre, that by all the meanes he can that he do, knowe to what ende

de he doeth it / and to take good hede a-
boue all thyrng; to kepe well the holdes
of the frontiers towarde the sayd pryn-
ce. And that he haue in the howse of the
sayde prynce euer some men, to aduert-
se hym, of that he wyll do.

Item yf he be ascertyned, & he make
it for to come vpon hym, that then he as-
semble as great an Armye as he maye
bothe of men and money. And yf he do
knowe that he haue men ynough to gy-
ne hym batayle, that he do go and mete
hym at the entre of his countree. And yf
he may, let hym make warre in the cou-
ntree of his enemyes, for it is better tha-
n in his owne countree.

Item yf the sayd prynce thynke that
he haue not men nor money ynough to
fyght wth them, let hym not hasarde the
batayle, but loke to repayre and furny-
she with bytayles and men the prynci-
pallest places of the frontiers, and calle
downe those that be not able to be kept
And to dyspyce away all the beestes inwar-
de

be into the countree. And all the bytaylor
les in the countree to be had into & strong
holdes of the frontiers, so that his ene-
myes may fynde nothing when they en-
tre into the countree to freche them to
theyr seage. 

Item that in this doyng, he put good
men of warre in euery of those places,
for to se his enemyes. And do aduysedly
aduerture to breke his Army in & nyght
so it hath ben sene many tymes specyally
when the holdes be stronge, and that
they come to seage them.

Item that he haue as many horsmen
as he may for to kepe his enemies from
bytaylorles, and to let the cuttours & for-
ragers & they come not easely to pylle &
countree, nor the places nere vnto the
place alleaged.

Item that the Prynce, that is assay-
led make a great way from his enemy-
es, the most great assembly of men that
he may, for to go to breake the seage yf
it be possyble, or els to fynde other pro-

tryspon as to sende into some place., in
theyr way before that the Armye come
to the seage to tary them, or to fyght w
them, yf he do se his auauntage, and do
knowe how to do it, and that he wyl ta
ke or ioperde the hasarde of y batayle.

¶ Item that the sayde prynce, let neuer
hym selfe be inclosyd in no place, for and
yf he do, he shall be prysoner hym selfe/
for brycause he can not helpe hym selfe,
nor none other, but lette hym kepe hym
selfe farre within his countree, for to ma
ke his assembye, and to gyue succoures
vnto his men and places assaiged.


¶ Item that he put within the places
where the seage shall be of the moste ex
perte men that he hath, and the most as
sured men, for when ther is but one cap
tayne, and yf that he be slayne, than all
is losse or put into great hasarde.


¶ Here foloweth the maner to kepe,
or to defende a place besieged. And
howe they ought to ordre them
that be therein assaiged.




Ifste let the fortyfye theyz
 dyches and make them strayte be
 neth, And make the cuntermure of the
 place as stronge as they may for batay
 le, and for to make muralle/within the
 dyches to beate a longe, and that they
 be out of the daunger of battery, & make
 bulwerkes well made and stronge with
 erth or turuys for lacke of better.

Item that they do se, that there be no
 howses that touche the walle. And that
 they do make dyche at the fote of the
 walle & a cuntermure alonge the dyche
 e.ij. that

that when the walle shall be beten downe, and that they shall assaile it, & they fynde it before them. And let them make secreete yssue as well to assaile as to withdraue. 

 Item to put into y place a good Capayne or moor, and men that hath sene moche, and that they be assembled. And furnyshe the sayd place with good Archers and well proued of shote and with artyllary, and good gunners furnysched with all that vnto them nedes, and se y ye haue stronge pykes and pyoners and all that is necessary vnto a seage. And that they haue potycarres, physycyons, surgyons, and pyncypally that they be well furnysched with bytailes, for without that there may nothyng be done.

 Item that he put men well vnderstaunde within the same, to make fortrelles every one in his syde. And that he haue in every quarter of the wall a good capayne, that shall gyue good hede, and ordeall that that he hath taken charge of

of. And haue one good captayne aboue
all, that shall ordeyne the standing wat
che, & serche & where they shall be put.

¶ Item to ordeyne besydes this euery
nyghte men to vlyte the walles, and se
yf the orde be good, and also to ordeyne
& holde of the daye resorte nere the mar
ches & watche houses next adioynynge
the walles for to succoure them yf they
be sodenly taken at an assaute, and to
refresche them that haue foughten. And
to kepe the men of the sayd place yf they
be not sure and true vnto them.

¶ Item yf there happon any forye, or
Alarūme to be, that then euery man do
go vnto his place assigned hym. For
many tymes they do make a larūme at
one place bycause that euery man shuld
go thither. And than they wyll assaile
another place, And often tymes in the
nyght, they vse alarūme in an host.

¶ Item that he take good hede, that
his welles or waters be poysoned. And
that he cōmyt vnto certayne persons to

dystribute and deliuer bytales in such
fashion that they be not dyspendyd but
resonablye. ¶

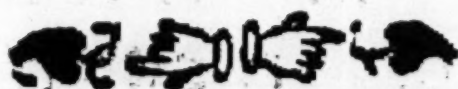
¶ Item when they wyll make any issue
that they take hede to make it for theyr
aduantage for many tymes, they loose
rather than wyne. And they within ha
ue more losse of one man, than they w
out of syre. ¶

¶ Item when there is a sure wall, and
men ynoughe to kepe it, then take good
hede y they be not sodenlye taken thro
ugh an ouer syght, as at meate, dyn
ke, masse, or euenlonge.

¶ Item that he make y brute to rone
in the place y succours come from daye
to day. And that y captaynes take good
hede that there be no counseyls nor mur
muracions amonges them of the place
And yf there be to take the cheyf of the
sayd murmurers and do a great & open
execucion vpon them, and that before
o his enemyes come to the seage. And
that he make sure that there be nothin
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ge without the walles that maye helpe
theyr enemyes, or hurte theym seluys &
is to save, by fyre in the nyght, or by smo
ke on the daye, and that they suffre no de
bates, nor quarells, but to poynt the
them roundely that make them.

CItem when the Captaynes, that be
assaged here any nouellys, that the men
of theyr partie are dyscomfytet or ouer
come, or haue losse any other place of
theyr partie that they holde it secrete/
the molte they maye, so that they of the
howse knowe it not, but make euer the
best nouellys to be tolde to the of theyr
partie that can be.



Here foloweth the Trayne
that one shulde holde after
myne aduise, that wyll
make gwerre
gwerreable.



fyfte



Ifste to put good & strong
 garysons in the pryncypallest pla-
 ces of the frontiers, and furnyshe them
 with all thynges necessary. And se ye ha-
 ue good gydes and sure that knowe the
 countree of theyr enemyes.

Item yf any persones come vnto the
 Captayne, to shewe hym nouellys, or to
 make any enterpryse and counseyl hym
 to or so to do it, than lette hym consydre
 well what men they be, & whether they
 be sure & true, & whether they do knowe
 the feate of warre. And to se well what
 it

it is, or he do it, and what may fall ther
vpon. For it happons many tymes mo-
che yll to come, when men folowe y coun-
seyl of meane folkes that medles with
that they knowe no, can not do.

¶ Item yf it be a countre full of hylles
or of maresses, than let hym take more
footmen than when y countree is play-
ne. And when he wyll rōne vpon his ene-
myes, se that his gydes be good & true,
be it in ierrey or in batayle, and that he
leue his place in good suertie. And why-
les they be out that they within be euer
in harnes to rescue theyr mē, yf they be
chased. And to haue good watche to se
them as farre as they may.

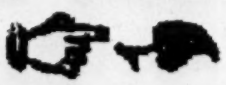
¶ Item when they go but weke in to y
cōttee of theyr enemyes, and that they
approche nere, where they wyll make
theyr enterpryse, y they doo sende theyr
scouters before them. And sende a man
of woorthyp to lede them. And after sen-
de a scayll of men after the nombze they
be, and that they breke not theyr bushe

ment to the currouys conte agayne, and then to succoure them yf they nede, and to retourne as soone as they do le that they be to weyke for them. And þ great scayll tarye euer sure to succoure all the other, And that they may not be al sent and soo that they be not knowen whether they be many or fewe.

¶ Item yf þ they make to withdraue theyr batayle toward, theyr place, than le that they retourne in good ordre and hole. And do leue beynde a nombre for to recall them that chases them, and yf they approche to nere whan they be passed ouer any passage, and that they be constrained therto, that they retourne often vpo them for theyr enemyes may not assaile them, but in þ ende of them. And then the great scayll may comfort them, and refreshe them that comes be hynde, and may le luche auantage that the great scayll & all may le vpon them and dyscōfyte them to that they do send to them in theyr place, that be redy at
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need to succoure them.

¶ Item yf that they fynde theym selfe more payssaunt before a Castell, or a towne, than that they be within, & then they do make to ryle a fray, to make the to yssue as ferre as they can. And that they do set two or thre bulshemietes one after another, and that one of them holde them euermore hoolle. And the other to set vpon them, & chase them to theyr walles or barryers, for as lōge as they be togyther they dare not shote theyr artyllary. And thus doyng scapll may euer rescue them.

¶ Item when they go to ronne y countree of theyr enemyes, that they do go somtyme stronge and somtyme weake, so that theyr enemyes can not tell how to fynde them strōge or weake. And yf they do one tyme one enterpryse, lette them not do next of the same fassyon, for men do yll that do two thynges togyther of one fassyon. 

¶ Item yf theyr enemyes do make to
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ronne before theyr place, that they yssue
not out of theyr strenght at theyr enter-
pysse, for they may happen to haue som
out bulshement, and then they shall do
yll theyr besynes, as it hath oftentymes
ben sene and happened.

¶ Item that they do make to chaunge
theyr keys and lockes of theyr gates of-
tentymes. And that the keys be not but
in sure mens keepyng / for amōges other
thynges they may prync them in waxe
and make such lyke keys. And that they
haue a good and stronge watche at the
gates that they maye not come to open
them by trayne craft or dysceyte.

¶ Item at the wayes of cōmyng to as-
saute thy place, make great plenty of
barrers that foote men may go to bere
backe theyr enemyes whē they do come
without daunger of the horse men, and
that they furnyshe well theyr moteyes
and walles full of thrones for fere of sca-
lynge. And doo make a great hedge of
thornes wīn the dyche nere y walles.


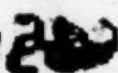
¶ Item

Item that yf it be possyble to haue men in the courte or place of theyr enemyes, which may aduert them of theyr nouellys, and what is theyr purpose to do, that when they do make any assembly, ye may come vpon them.

Item when there is a garyson nere them moze stronge then they be. Then do make an assemble of men farre from that may be at that place in the nyght. And the they to make alarūne as they haue ben accustomed, and lay there embusshement, and yf they wyl ever yssue they wyl then thynkyng there is but a garyson as it was accustomed before.




Item that they doo make to watche well the gates bothe nyght & daye. And that there be two or thre gates or one may come in. And that at the openyng of the syde gate inwarde when the porter goth to open the bitter gate, that the inwarde gate be locked agayne tyll the porter retourne without daunger. And yf ye haue prysoners le them kept i good

suertie, & not to kepe them as they were
in the countree of theȝ lordes, for ther-
by hath ben done many tymes treason/
and byuers places ben losse.

¶ Item that the porters be made strō
ge at the openynge of the sayde gates &
lockynge, and to haue with them good
nombꝛe of men.  

¶ Item that he furnyssh the hym selfe w
bytyle & artyllary, & of all þ he nedes,
for fere of a seage cōmyng sodeynly vpo
hym. And make a serche euery moꝛenyng
ge before oꝝ the gates be openyd with
a stoute watche all aboute the place, oꝝ
by chyldren oꝝ by women.

¶ Item yf they haue any promyse oꝝ co
uenant to haue a place deliueryd, that
they play not dooble w them, to trayne
in a trayne, & then to set vpon them.

¶ Item that the watche goo not from
the walles before that it be brede daye,
And that the countree be dyscoueryd, &
the secrete watche retourned, and the re
lyf set.   

¶ Item

¶ Item that when they come outther in
the mornynge, or in the euenynge, or in
the nyght, to open any gate or posterne,
that they take a good cōpanye w̄ them
in harnes, and that they open not both
the gates of the towne and of the bul-
warkes both at ones / but do kepe ȳ one
euermore shut. Also yf there be any trea-
tyes within the towne, let your openers
of the gates goo stronge, for and yf they
go weke, than those that do entre maye
take ȳ keyes from them, and kyll them,
and let in other. ¶

¶ Item yf it happen men to come that
musse entre of the nyght within ȳ place
And yf that they do knowe well them ȳ
spokes, and that they be of theyr owne
companye, yet sende out a man with a
watche worde to se what company they
be, and when the gate of the towne is
shut, that then the other of the bulwark
be open / but not both at ones, and this
to be fortifyde bothe for pryue assault &
seige. And se that ye take good hede, at
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the remeuyng of the watche.

¶ Item that when the Captayne wyll make any maner of enterpryse, þ then he counseyl, well with a sorte of the moste wysest men that he hath, & moste furthest, for suche thynges wolde not be debated in generall counsaile.

¶ Item when there is in the counseyl of a kyng any wyse man, that is reputed expert, and a man of honour, & that debates the feates of warre, and shewes the dowtes therof. Let hym not be dysprayed, for they that do know the thynges execut best. And other there be good in theyr oppynyons and redy to do all maner of enterpryse, & yet for lacke of wytt, they oft do fayle of theyr purpose, for as it is sayd he that nothyng knowes nothyng feys, other that doo as they be comaunded both coragious and valyaunt, and other that wyll say after that they had wonne all, yf they had done as they were comaunded.

¶ Item that he do take good hede that
none

none of his hohse go to counseyles to gyther, nor do entercomon with those that go or come to his hohse, for by such the enemyes there hathe and may treasons be wroughte.

¶ Item when that he wyll do any enterpryse, that nother guyde nor none other shall knowe of it, ffirste cause the gates to be shut. And then make at arme you and your men, and let men þat none do tel theyr enemyes þat ye be toward havyes, & at your deptynge take a contrary way fro the place where þat ye wold be, & with in a myle or an half tourne to the ryght way. And that your gydes, nor none other do knowe, whyther that they shall go before they be in the fylde.

¶ Item yf there come any cartes into the towne, let hym haue euer one gate shut for carters, for yf the carte be on a bydge or betwene the gates kyll þat horses and then the imbulshement may breke and the towne so shortly won.

¶ Item when that he haue any men of

woꝛshyp that hath any harne oꝛ hurte
at a batayle, oꝛ any other wayes, that
then the Capayne make them to be by-
syte, & well sene vnto, and do gyue them
good woꝛdes. And do sende his physy-
cons and surgions to them foꝛ this is y
wayes to wyne mens hertes foꝛ euer.

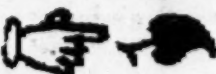
¶ Item the sayde Prynce ought to en-
quyre who those be, that haue done vnto
hym the best seruyce. And them to ha-
ue in good fauour, and to be lyberall in
gyftes vnto them gyuyng them reaso-
nable rewardes, and accordyng vnto
theyꝛ actes that they haue done. And so
shall this be a good ensample to all o-
thers that loue woꝛshyp, to do hym the
better seruyce euer after.

¶ Item that the said prynce comaunde
that there be no man so hardye to take
any enterpryse, noꝛ to go forth without
the lycence of his Capayne, noꝛ to re-
tourne whome wardes vnder a payne, &
of dyuers other thynges that be necessa-
ry to be had and done, as well foꝛ the ke-
pyng

pyng of incōueniences towarde hym
selfe, as for to banquyshe his enemyes.
And also to saue hym selfe from beyng
subdued or put vnder foote.

The hole feate of warre lyeth pꝛyncy-
pally in money, to furnyshe all thynges
And also to holde good ordꝛe, and to fo-
lowe the councyll of wyse men and ex-
perte in the feate of warre, and that do
knowe the experyence therof. And also
of what sorte theyꝛ owne men be of, &
of what sorte theyꝛ enemyes be of.

There maye no welthe be in a Realme
without habundaunce of people.

The decaye of a Realme is defaute of
people, without people, a pꝛynce is last
lorde alone. 

If thou go to warre beware of slouth-
full Soldyours.

When thou goest to batayle collycte &
exorte thy people, as coragiously as þy
can. Loke thynne a bylymentes of warre
be redy, and every man set in his warde
& rowme appoynted how he shall fyght

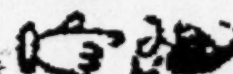
When he is set out.

Beware thou be not subdued or supplyed by thyne enemies, for lacke of watche, and good espyall.

Multiplye thy scoutewatche and thyne espyes, to the entent to know the gydynge of thyne enemies.

Take that thy gydes and espyes be sure that they dysceyue the not.

When thou comaunde any thyng to be done, take secretly whether thy folkes haue obseruyd it, accordyng to theyr charge or not, and that shal cause them the more to drede to offende the.

Be aduyled by men of auge and dyscrecyon, and that be expert in many thynges. Sygne nor seale no letters tyll thou ouer se them. 

Be not to familiar with them thou knowest not, vse Justyce goodnes, serue god and kepe chastytye. Utter no secretes of thyne herte, but vnto those y thou haste prouyd, and knowest true.

For lacke of rightfull men report the to
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the moſte hoſſome oppynyon.

Gouerne the ſo wyſely that thy knygh-
tes, and thy people may haue pleaſure
of the, and glad to be in thy company.

Slepe no more than ſhal ſuffyſe for the
ſuſtentacyon of thy body, and the reſt of
thyne herte. ¶

Gyue lyberally or it be aſkyd.

Let thy workes be in ryght and trouthe
without dyſſymulacyon.

Slouth not nor delay that thyng that
thou muſte neede execute.

Suſteyne and loue thy cōmons, & them
by the whiche thy Realme and people
be ſuſteyned.

Beware of backbyters contraryers, ma-
kers, or reporters of tales.

Thy knyghthode multiplye.

¶ Openly extolle & auaunce thoſe men
that be good and do execute valyaunt-
ly every man after his condycyon dyſcre-
cyon, and ſcyence, & to that entent that
the people may knowe them, and to be
more prōne and redy to encourage them

celuys to do good seruyce, Commaunde
your people to remembre and serue god
ones vpon the daye, to lyue and auoyde
swerynge, aduoutry, and fornycacyon/
theste, robbrye, brawlynge, quarellynge
rebell, and sedycyon, and this vnder and
vpon strayte paynes.

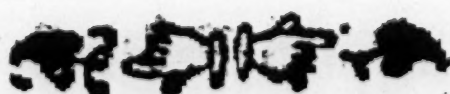
Se your pyloners ones in a moneth/
knowe the truethe of all gytes, and dely
uer those that ought to be delyueryd.

Besy your self to ponyfthe malefactours
Those that put you in daunger or trou
ble, ponyfthe publykly.

With leasure to repentaunce, to a thefe
let his heed be stryken of.

A robber in the hygh way hange hym.
Other offenders ponyfthe accordynge
vnto theyr demeryt by specyall comañ
dement vnto your Marshall.

Here endeth,
This trayne and booke of warre.



Go vtell treatyse, and do thy tale tell
To me of honour, & þy worship wyl wyll
Pray the to pdon thy rude style & counsell
Youth boldly valpaurly, execut to begyn

God saue the Kyng.

Imprynted by me Robert
wyer/dwellynge in
seynt Martyns
paryshe at
Charynge
Crosse.

Imprynted for Iohn Colwgh
Cum priuilegio Regali,
Ad imprimendum solum.



ROBERT & WYER

